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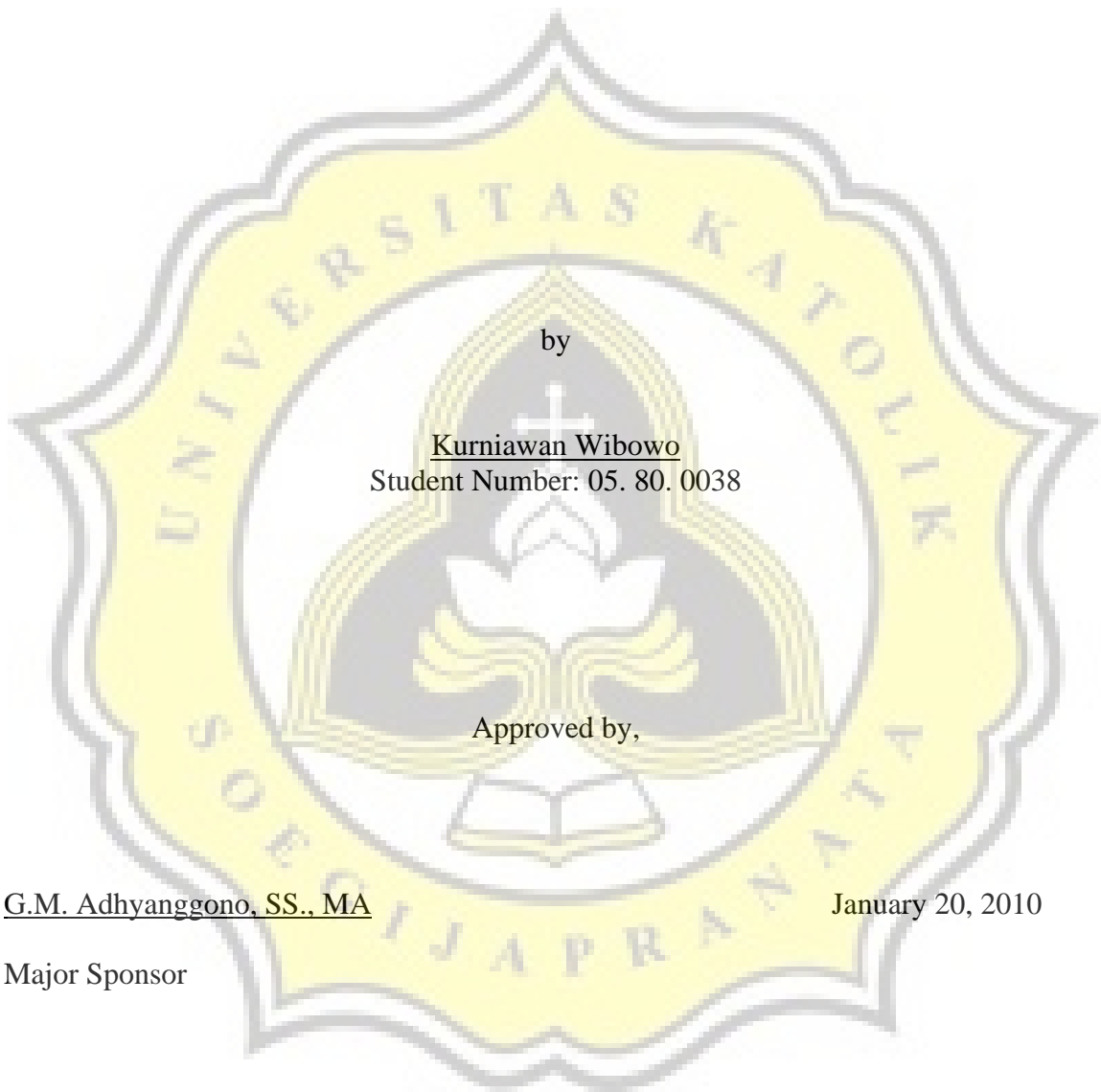
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ABSTRACT

Godless, which was written by Pete Hautman, was published in 2004 in United States of America. It tells a story about unpopular boy named Jason Bock who feels disappointed with his environment and lacks of human basic needs. As his reaction of those things, Jason finally decides to create his own religion, attract other people to join it, and deals with the new religion with them.

This analysis aims to show the readers how a boy like Jason Bock could think and act in such a way to fulfill his lack of needs and to react as the result of the disappointment to his environment.

To analyze Jason's condition and to do this analysis, the writer uses Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. The Hierarchy of Needs consists of physiological needs, safety needs, love and belonging needs, esteem needs, and self actualization needs. The writer also uses psychological approach in this analysis since it deals with the psychological condition of Jason Bock.

Some results can be found in this thesis. First, Jason's lacks of needs and disappointment to his environment have great influence to his psychological condition. Second, Jason does reaction to his lacks of needs and disappointment to his environment by trying to fulfill his basic needs in some ways such as creating his own religion, attracting his friends to join it, pointing himself to be the Head Kahuna, doing midnight mass, etc.

ABSTRAK

Godless, yang ditulis oleh Pete Hautman, dipublikasikan pada tahun 2004 di Amerika Serikat. Novel ini menceritakan tentang seorang anak yang tidak terkenal yang bernama Jason Bock yang merasa kecewa terhadap lingkungannya dan mengalami kekurangan akan kebutuhan-kebutuhan dasar manusia. Sebagai reaksinya terhadap hal-hal tersebut, Jason akhirnya memutuskan untuk membuat agamanya sendiri, menarik orang-orang lain untuk bergabung ke dalamnya, dan berkuat dengan agama baru itu bersama mereka.

Analisa ini bertujuan untuk menunjukkan kepada para pembaca bagaimana seorang anak laki-laki seperti Jason Bock dapat berpikir dan bertindak sedemikian rupa untuk memenuhi kekurangannya akan kebutuhan-kebutuhan dasarnya dan bereaksi sebagai akibat dari kekecewaannya terhadap lingkungannya.

Untuk menganalisa kondisi Jason dan untuk melakukan analisa ini, penulis menggunakan hirarki kebutuhan milik Abraham Maslow. Hirarki kebutuhan tersebut terdiri dari kebutuhan fisiologis, kebutuhan akan rasa aman, kebutuhan akan rasa cinta dan kepemilikan, kebutuhan akan penghargaan, dan kebutuhan akan perwujudan diri. Penulis juga menggunakan pendekatan secara psikologi dalam analisa ini karena analisa ini berkuat dengan kondisi psikologi Jason.

Beberapa hasil dapat ditemukan dalam skripsi ini. Pertama, kekurangan kebutuhan-kebutuhan Jason dan rasa kecewa terhadap lingkungannya memiliki pengaruh yang sangat besar terhadap kondisi psikologinya. Kedua, Jason melakukan reaksi terhadap kekurangan akan kebutuhannya dan rasa kecewa akan lingkungannya dengan

mencoba untuk memenuhi kebutuhan-kebutuhan dasarnya dengan beberapa cara seperti menciptakan agamanya sendiri, menarik teman-temannya untuk bergabung dengan agama baru tersebut, menunjuk dirinya untuk menjadi Head Kahuna, mengadakan misa tengah malam, dan lain-lain.

